

REPARATIONS COMMISSION TO PENALIZE GERMANY UNLESS PAYMENTS ARE MAINTAINED

Text of Note Has Been Adopted to Inform Germany of the Commission's Determination to Enforce Decisions of March 21—Note Gives Commission's Views on the Insufficiency of Germany's Efforts—Intimates Necessity of Establishing Financial Control, Without Interference With the Interior Administration of the German Nation—Communication is in Reply to the Latest Memorandum of Chancellor Wirth.

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The note is in reply to the latest memorandum from Chancellor Wirth. It reiterates the commission's views on the insufficiency of Germany's financial efforts, and intimates the necessity of establishing financial control without interference with the interior administration of the German nation.

The reply, which comprises nearly one thousand words, begins: "The commission notes with surprise and regret that the financial conditions under which the commission granted a moratorium to Germany are deteriorating."

It suggests that the German government make "a better demonstration of good faith" by, for example, with respect to taxation on current industrial and commercial profits. It recommends an immediate and drastic increase of taxation, saying that the hope of a restoration of Germany's financial equilibrium is a vain illusion.

The note declares that Germany's policy with regard to new taxation and the raising of loans is tantamount to a refusal to make any serious effort to supply foreign currencies for payment.

The final paragraph contains the declaration: "The commission notes that the German government has adopted without adequate consideration of its necessary consequences."

UNITED FRONT FOR SOVIET COUNTER PROPOSITIONS
Moscow, April 13.—(By the A. P.)—The "United Front" group, headed by the "United Front" group, has been formed in Moscow.

THREE SUB-COMMISSIONS OF GENOA FINANCIAL COMMISSION
Genoa, April 13.—(By the A. P.)—The financial commission met in the afternoon for the first time since the meeting of the committee on the currency and exchange.

AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE
Washington, April 13.—Another of the annual supply bills, the agricultural appropriation, was passed by the senate today after it had reversed itself and rejected the bill on a previous day.

FIRE DRIVE OFF FROM ATLANTIC HOTEL, BRIDGEPORT
Bridgeport, Conn., April 14.—Forty guests were driven from the Atlantic hotel today by a fire which started in the kitchen.

SENATE COMMITTEE TAKES UP SOLDIERS' BONUS MONDAY
Washington, April 13.—Consideration of the soldiers' bonus bill has been deferred by the senate finance committee until Monday.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

A number of leaders of the recent revolution in Spain have been arrested.

The allied supreme council may hold a meeting at Genoa before the end of the present month, it was reported.

French dye manufacturers are buying up secrets for making aniline dyes from Germany.

The New York curb exchange suspended Charles V. Kelly, a member, for failure to meet engagements.

A bill providing a literacy test for prospective voters was signed by Governor Miller of New York.

Gypsy moths were found in 27 towns of the state last year, according to the report of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment station bulletin.

Four valuable coats, stolen by burglars from the home of John F. Griffin, in Waterbury, were found hanging on a tree in Pine Grove cemetery.

Bank deposits in the Lohish asphaltum coal field have increased during the suspension of the mines. There have been no withdrawals worth mentioning.

Howard Murray Tibbitts, registrar of Dartmouth college since 1902, died in Hanover, N. H., after an illness of several months.

Two mail service airplane bankers offered to Hartford by the United States post office department have been accepted by the Hartford aviation commission.

Donatiano Collette of Central Falls, R. I., reported having frustrated an apparent attempt to fire a house in which ten persons were sleeping.

American shipyards are now building 250,000 gross tons of shipping, 80,000 tons less than were in the yards on July 1, 1921.

The postoffice department has entered into an agreement with the British postal authorities for the delivery of regular mail matter and parcel post packages to various points in Russia.

A resolution proposing endorsement of the project for a Jewish national home in Palestine, in accordance with the Balfour declaration, was introduced by Senator Lodge, republican, Massachusetts.

United States Senator William E. Crow, who has been ill in a hospital in Pittsburgh for several months, was reported as having suffered a relapse and his life was despaired of.

Germany is improving on the time-honored peace formula and heating up its efforts to overthrow the present government.

The three masted schooner Grace Van Dusen, built in West Quilby, was wrecked on the coast of New York.

Louis Rubin, a former policeman and fireman of Yonkers, N. Y., was turned over to a Yonkers official by the Worcester police on a charge of stealing an automobile in that place Thursday.

The Prince of Princess Elizabeth, wife of Crown Prince George of Greece, is suffering from a severe cold.

Scores of farm buildings have been swept from their foundations by the floods and high winds in the northwestern states.

Government fish hatcheries have ruined the "mud" of the salmon of British Columbia, by the use of the fish.

Banking officers of the army at service asked the senate appropriations committee to reverse the action of the house in cutting down the war department request for funds for aircraft.

Mrs. Ella Douglas, 75, securing a final decree of divorce at Oakland was little more than a 200,000-acre land in Brazil, which had been given her husband, Hugh M. Douglas, for his services.

The naval aviation post of the American Legion was founded by members, displaced at the attitude of the legion on the bonus question, has surrendered its legion charter and reorganized as the Naval Veterans' club, an independent organization.

Ethel Winter, formerly of Boston, Mass., was awarded \$15,000 damages in her \$100,000 breach of promise suit against Jacob Aaron, millionaire oil man of Dallas, Texas. Aaron did not defend the action.

Again for the thirtieth time in as many years the Boston police have received a post card from Medway containing the dates March 30, April 2, 23. The annual cards have been addressed in a woman's handwriting, and have contained no other information.

Liabilities of Alfred E. Lindsay, bankrupt stockbroker, who is under indictment for receiving stolen goods out of large sums entrusted to him for investment, were placed at \$24,700 in a schedule filed in federal court in the bankruptcy proceedings.

Guarantors for the Chicago Grand Opera company will have to stand an amount of "not more than \$65,000 at the outside" for the deficit incurred by the company in the two weeks just concluded at San Francisco.

Lily Astor sailed on the White Star liner Olympic Wednesday for New York. She is enroute to Baltimore to be the guest of the League of Women Voters at their convention, which opens in Baltimore April 20.

Dr. Adolph Lorenz, famous Austrian surgeon, was a passenger aboard the La France, sailing for Europe from New York. He was accompanied by Anton Wolf, an artist, who induced him to come to this country.

Federal judge Lynch at Newark, N. J., ordered Miss Flora A. Irish, of Boston, to appear in court to show cause why she should not be restrained permanently from collecting a \$7500 bribe of money from Judge George T. Owen, of East Orange, N. J.

General Semenov is Languishing in Jail

Lawyers of Famous Leader of Cossacks Failed to Find Bondsmen With \$25,000.

New York, April 13.—General Gregorie Semenov, Ataman of the Cossacks, was locked up in Ludlow street jail tonight after a day of frantic effort by several lawyers to get a bondsman who would give \$25,000 bail for him.

Semenov was arrested last week on a civil warrant and freed in bail, but his original bondsman refused to continue as surety.

The general gave himself up to Sheriff Nagle in the latter's office at 2:30 in the afternoon, and from then until 4 o'clock sat watching with eager eyes every person who entered the door. But as each new person turned out to be anything but a prospective bondsman, the Cossack's countenance fell. Even the military mistakes which adorn his face seemed to droop as the time drew near for him to enter the sheriff's automobile for his trip to jail.

Madame Semenov, his young wife, was courteous during the afternoon. She had been ill, she said, worrying about her husband, and she begged the sheriff to take her jewels for the bond. But he could not, he explained, although she could offer them to a bonding company as collateral.

The day had been one of excitement for General Semenov, his assistants and friends. This morning, the general went to his lawyer's office for a conference.

Founders of the representative of the surety company, which had turned the bail, he was told that because of the notoriety his case had brought, and because company officials thought it unprofitable to insure for "a man charged with atrocious crimes," they were going to surrender him at noon.

Just before noon, Colonel George Kroukoff, who was Semenov's chief aide in Russia and is now helping him here, was stopped by a policeman on Broadway and searched. Kroukoff had a revolver and narrowly escaped going to jail himself.

Just after 2 o'clock General Semenov, Madame Semenov and two or three friends, from the state supreme court for Sheriff Nagle's office. M. M. Becker, counsel for the surety company, was there, and after Madame Semenov had counted her chain of pearls and her diamonds, she turned the general over to the sheriff.

Meanwhile, the proceedings brought against Semenov by the trustee for the Yonkers Hotel and Evening Trading company, a bankrupt New York concern, were called before Peter B. Olney, referee in bankruptcy, and David W. Hayes, a Semenov lawyer, was compelled to ask an adjournment because Semenov was held by the sheriff.

The hearing will go on tomorrow afternoon and General Semenov's presence will be sought at the state supreme court for Sheriff Nagle's office.

General Semenov, while he was waiting for the bondsman who never came, declared that he was guilty of no crime, and that he was a victim of a conspiracy.

The general told of seven bullet wounds in his shoulder and knee which he said were his great pain. And he said he was worried about spending a night in jail because of them.

He was also worried about Madame Semenov, he said, because she had been ill.

"What will happen to her?" he said to his lawyers, time and again. "She must not be left alone."

When Colonel Kroukoff, who had been kept all afternoon showing the permit to carry a revolver, was held up as a witness in the office, promised to care for his wife, the general smiled again, said he was ready, and started for his cell.

CONDITION OF NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
New York, April 13.—The statement of condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, at the close of business April 12 shows:

Total gold reserves \$1,128,300,679.93.
Total reserves \$1,157,266,109.06.

Bills discounted secured by government war obligations for members: \$43,328,125.74.
All others \$22,333,776.69.

Bills bought in open market \$35,474,192.47.
Total bills on hand \$103,746,983.10.

Total earnings assets \$262,652,748.10.
Total liabilities \$262,652,748.10.

Ratio of total reserves to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined 86.2 per cent.

CONNECTICUT RIVER FRESHET STILL RISING
Hartford, April 13.—The Connecticut river freshet was up to 23 feet at noon today, and still rising with prospects of going above 24 feet. The present stage is the highest in nine years. Lowlands on both sides of the river are under water. The ground floors of many houses are flooded and water-filled cellars are numerous. When the New York steamer leaves this afternoon she will make no stops until she gets well down toward the mouth of the river.

JUDGE WEBB RESERVED DECISION IN PALMER SUIT
New Haven, Conn., April 13.—Decision in the suit of Judge J. H. Webb of the superior court in the damages suit brought against former United States Marshal W. R. Palmer by reason of a collision of the Palmer automobile with another machine, on the Derby turnpike, in December, 1920, in which five persons were hurt, was reserved.

Palmer's son was driving the marshal's machine.

FOOT-WASHING BY KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN
Madrid, April 13.—(By the A. P.)—The annual ceremony of foot-washing took place today in Colonnar hall of the palace when King Alfonso and Queen Victoria washed the feet of twelve poor men and women in the presence of grandees, members of the diplomatic corps and a large gathering of the public.

After the ceremony the poor men and women were given complete outfits of clothing and baskets of food and wine.

Attack on Tariff Bill Opens in the Senate

Many Senators Are Said to Look With Disfavor Upon Foreign Valuation Plan.

Washington, April 13.—(By the A. P.)—The democratic attack on the administration tariff bill was opened today by Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, ranking member of the senate finance committee, who in a statement characterized it as "the most un-American bill ever framed."

He predicted that its operation would "penalize our export business, which will mean in the end curtailment of production and increased unemployment on the farms, in the mine and in the factories."

At the same time senators of the republican-agricultural-farm bloc, held the first series of meetings for the consideration of rates in the measure which were fixed by the finance committee majority at figures below those suggested by the tariff committee. Senator Goodrich, of Idaho, chairman of the bloc, said that it was the purpose to take up American valuation at the meeting.

"There is a strong sentiment in the senate for American valuation," he said. "I do not want to put all our members on record as favoring it, but many of them are strongly impressed with the principle."

Pending a decision on the question by the bloc, Senator Goodrich would not say whether a fight for American valuation would be made on the floor. He said, however, that it might be difficult to have the valuation issue cleared in the senate because of the great task that would be involved in re-estimating practically all of the ad valorem rates in the bill.

In his statement attacking the tariff bill which was preliminary to the minority report on the measure, Senator Simmons said that even a cursory examination indicated that it was the highest tariff bill ever written. He added that a tariff "more unequal to present conditions, if we are to participate in world trade, could not well have been framed."

FURTHER DECREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING
New York, April 13.—Predictions that the cost of living would rise again during the winter months failed to materialize, said a report of the national industrial conference board, an employers' research bureau, made public today.

The report, based on a nationwide investigation in nearly all cities of more than 50,000 population, said there had been a drop of nine per cent. in average living costs between March 1, 1921 and March 1, 1922.

The decrease for the six weeks ending March 13 was 1.9 per cent. said the report, while the decrease from the peak reached in July, 1920, was 24.4 per cent. The price level was 54.7 higher than in the previous month of July, 1921.

MERGER OF PIERCE, FENNER AND SMITH WITH LAFAYETTE MOTORS
New York, April 13.—Interests in control of the Pierce Arrow Motor company and the Lafayette Motors company have agreed "in principle" to a merger of the two corporations. It was stated today.

According to present plans, Charles H. Nash, president of the Lafayette Motor company, will be chairman of the consolidated company, and in charge of operations. Other details of the combination are to be settled at a meeting of the directors of both companies next week. Reports credit a prominent Boston banking house with the financial interest in the deal.

FORMER U. S. CUSTOMS CLERK GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER
New York, April 13.—Peter A. Tarant, former U. S. customs clerk, was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree before Judge McIntrye in general sessions court today. He shot and killed Thomas Kennedy, a World war veteran who had a long honor record, in a saloon.

EARTHQUAKE REGISTERED AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
Washington, April 13.—An earthquake of moderate intensity was registered today at the Georgetown University seismological observatory, beginning at 2:25 a. m. and continuing until 2:50 a. m. The center of the disturbance was estimated at 1700 miles from Washington, probably to the south.

Daughter Of Secretary Of State Engaged
Miss Catherine Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes, whose engagement to Mr. Chauncey Lockhart Waddell, of New York, was recently announced, is a graduate of Wellesley and has traveled abroad quite extensively. Her fiancé served in the air service during the war.

GOVERNMENT TO COLLECT FROM LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS
New Haven, Conn., April 13.—The federal government intends to try and collect revenues from the 57 persons who have been convicted in the federal court here this week of manufacturing, selling and manufacturing liquor in violation of the law. Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Edmund Coffey said today that the penalty taxes assessed were close to \$100,000. Each violator is liable to a penalty tax of \$1,000 in addition to the revenue tax on liquors and stills.

GOVERNORS TO SPEAK IN NEW HAVEN SATURDAY EVENING
New Haven, April 13.—Delegates to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, who are to have a conference with the Connecticut State Federation of Labor officers, on Saturday evening Mr. Gompers will speak before the Graduates' club at Yale.

MILITARY CONSULTATION BY BELGIANS AND FRENCH
Brussels, April 13.—The Belgian minister of national defense, who is now in Paris, has arranged with Marshal Foch measures assuring the safety of the armies of occupation. The opinion of General Degoutte, commander of the allied troops on the Rhine.

BARRACKS IN COUNTY CORK ATTACKED BY ARMED MEN
Cork, April 12.—Armed men attacked the Midleton Barracks, County Cork, early today from two sides. The occupants of the barracks fled from within, and the attackers failed to dislodge them. No casualties were reported.

FIRE MAKES 500 FAMILIES HOMELESS AT BERKELEY, VA.

More Than 100 Houses Were Destroyed—Fire Area Was a Mile in Length and Two to Four Blocks in Width—Fire Departments From All Nearby Cities Were Called Into Service.

Norfolk, Va., April 13.—Berkeley, a suburb of Norfolk was swept by fire last night which destroyed more than 100 houses covering an area one mile in length and an average from 100 to 150 blocks in width. Five hundred families are estimated to have been made homeless as the damage will run to nearly \$1 million.

The blaze originated in the Tumbler mills on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river and three steamers in the river were burned, catching from sparks.

The fire quickly spread to the north, the sparks being carried one hundred yards or more.

Most of the houses in the burnt area were of brick and were of modern construction. At one time there were 300 different fires in progress.

Although the fire departments, local, state and navy from all the cities are called into service they were helpless against the burning flames, which soon reached Liberty street, one of the oldest business streets of the town. One block there was completely wiped out. A one-story Baptist church also was destroyed.

For a time it appeared that a large gas tank owned by the Municipal gas plant was doomed but the gas was turned off by means of safety valves.

JOHN MCCORMACK, FAMOUS TENOR, SERIOUSLY SICK
New York, April 13.—John McCormack, world famous tenor, tonight was reported by his physicians to be battling for his life in his Park avenue home where he is suffering from a severe affliction of the throat.

The physicians announced that, while they believed the singer was in danger, the singer was not out of danger.

"He is very ill, but the crisis passed last night," said Dr. Harison Smith, one of the three attending physicians. "There will be danger as long as the septic condition exists in Mr. McCormack's throat."

Mr. McCormack was taken seriously ill last Saturday. Removed to his home, he was found by a physician who advised that he was suffering from a severe affliction of the throat.

On Monday, according to the physicians, the singer's throat had so swollen that he was threatened with death by choking. He suffered a slight attack on Tuesday night, the physicians said, and was seriously ill all day yesterday.

Members of Mr. McCormack's family are at the bedside. The singer has considerable difficulty in talking and his physicians have forbidden him to converse with Mrs. McCormack or his children, Cyril, Richard and George.

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